

Woodlawn
Near Pinopolis
Berkeley County
South Carolina

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Owner: Santee-Cooper Hydroelectric and Navigation ProjectDate of erection: Early nineteenth centuryPresent condition: PoorDescription:

Most magnificent and most tragic of the great houses of the region is Woodlawn, vast, deserted, and falling rapidly into complete decay. In elevation the two familiar equal tiers of eighteen-light windows occur, most of which have their paneled shutters. The house is weatherboarded except under the front porch and in the front gable, where flush sheathing is used. The porch is of exceptional interest, as it employs the features found in the other houses but possesses unusual refinement and has one unusual feature: the advancing of the porch columns beyond the line of the porch and the mounting of them on tall brick piers. The porch itself is set back four feet or so and once had a separate balustrade, only vestiges of which remain, and a central approach stair. The reason for the advanced columns is not apparent.

The roofing of Woodlawn is complicated and results in a pseudo-pedimental side gable with the apex cut off in the form of a jerkinhead roof. This is caused by the flat deck necessary to cover the great depth of the house. On the front is a large gable to light the attic, in which is placed a small pointed-arched Palladian window.

The front block of Woodlawn falls into the Pinopolis regional type, but the huge supplementary blocks at the rear form a unique and monumental plan. The entrance is into a central hall, without stairs, and at either side are a pair of rooms, one behind the other. At the rear of the hall is a large square stair hall, with fireplace in the right-hand wall and a stair on the left. To the right is another large room, duplicated once to the left, though this latter has been removed. Behind the stair hall is a transverse passage, separating it from a terminal room once used as the estate office.

The interior has the familiar paneled dados and enriched cornices, though the quality of the design and cornice has deteriorated. The mantels, however, are of black and gold marble in the Empire style, that in the left room having fine flat Ionic capitals enriched with anthemions. Except for these two rooms, the interior woodwork is simple but of good design.

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Original location

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Dover Plantation, overlooking Winyah Bay
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Georgetown County
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Current location

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